

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT



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The Judicial Resources Commission will hold a public hearing pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 24-1204 to determine the following based on the judicial workload statistics:

(1) Due to the Honorable Kristine R. Cecava not being retained in office, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of district court of the 12th Judicial District, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the principal place of office of said vacancy.

(2) Due to the resignation of the Honorable Patrick G. Rogers, effective January 31, 2009, whether a judicial vacancy exists in the office of district court of the 7th Judicial District, and make a recommendation to the Supreme Court as to the principal place of office of said vacancy.

The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 1:00 p.m., central time. The hearing will be held via video conferencing from the State Capitol Building, Room 1524, Lincoln, Nebraska, and will include participation from the Panhandle Learning Center, 4502 Ave. I, High Plains Room, Scottsbluff, Nebraska, from the State Office Building, Room 207, Second Floor, 1313 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska, and from the Hastings Public Library, Second Floor, 517 West 4th Street, Hastings, Nebraska.

The Commission makes its determination based on weighted caseloads, adequate access to the courts by litigants, population, judicial duties, travel time and other factors necessary to assure efficiency and service of the court system.

Following the hearing, the commission will make a recommendation to the Legislature of their determination.

Commission members are:

Supreme Court Justice Michael McCormack, Chairperson

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Any member of the public is entitled to attend the Nebraska Judicial Resources Commission hearing in Room 1524 of the State Capitol, Lincoln, Nebraska, and present, either orally or in writing, any pertinent information with regard to the above listed items.

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